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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6461

INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

USMISSION GENEVA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: UNCTAD COMMODITIES - JUTE

REF: (A) STATE 131760 (B) GENEVA 07850

1. REF (A) DISCUSSED WITH RON WILSHIRE, U.K. DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, WHO WILL ATTEND THE MAY 25 BRUSSELS MEETING MENTIONED IN REF (B). WILSHIRE UNDERSTOOD U.S. CONCERNS AND APPEARED TO BE IN AGREEMENT WITH MUCH OF THE MARKET ANALYSIS PROVIDED IN REF (A). HE ALSO OBSERVED THAT MARTIN'S CHARACTERIZATION OF FRG SUPPORT FOR THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT PAPER APPEARED SOMEWHAT OPTIMISTIC.

2. WILSHIRE EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN THAT THE DEPARTMENT

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MAY HAVE BEEN REACTING TO AN EARLIER VERSION OF THE SECRETARIAT PAPER. HE NOTED THAT HE, MARTIN AND AN FRG REPRESENTATIVE HAD MET INFORMALLY WITH UNCTAD STAFF MEMBERS IN BRUSSELS ON MAY 10 AND HAD TOLD THEM THAT THE SECRETARIAT PAPER THEN ON THE TABLE WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMUNITY. SUBSEQUENTLY, WILSHIRE SAI HE RECEIVED, ON MAY 18, A REVISED VERSION WHICH WENT A

LONG WAY TOWARD MEETING EEC CONCERNS; ALTHOUGH, WILSHIRE
NOTED IXT PERHAPS DID NOT GO FAR ENOUGH TO SATISFY THE US
WILSHIRE SAID THAT IF MARTIN DID NOT CIRCULATE THIS
REVISED PAPER AT THE GENEVA MEETING ON MAY 24, HE WOULD
MAKE SURE THAT THE PAPER BE PROVIDED THE US MISSION
SOONEST.

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